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SECDEF FOR OASD/ISA AND ODDR&E. SECSTATE FOR EUR/RPM (HOLD
FOR AMB. BENNETT).

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OCON, NATO, MILI
SUBJECT: AC/94 CHAIRMANSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

1. US NADREP (HARVILL) MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY
GENERAL FOR DEFENCE SUPPORT (LABERGE) ON 9 JUNE TO DISCUSS
NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES. LABERGE SAID HE HAS HAD SEPARATE
DISCUSSIONS WITH NADREPS OF UK AND CANADA. BOTH NATIONS
BELIEVE THAT, IN LIGHT OF U.S. INITIATIVE ON STANDARDIZA-
TION, AC/94(WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY) NEEDS TO
HAVE HIGHER-LEVEL REPRESENTATION (GS-17 EQUIVALENT) AND A
STRONG NATIONAL CHAIRMAN RATHER THAN THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN
FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (MR. TSAMBIRAS, HEAD, INDUS-
TRIAL PROPERTY, ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND LIAISON SEC-
TION). FYI: US REPRESENTATIVES TO AC/94, MR. GAPCYNISKI
AND MR. AHEARN, HAVE ALSO PRIVATELY SAID THAT THEY BELIEVE
A STRONG NATIONAL CHAIRMAN IS NEEDED. THERE IS ADEQUATE
PRECEDENT FOR CHANGING CHAIRMEN AS SEVERAL NATO BODIES HAVE
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NATIONAL CHAIRMEN WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF VICE CHAIRMEN.
END FYI.

2. LABERGE AGREES WITH THE UK AND CANADIAN SUGGESTIONS
AND WOULD LIKE THE US TO PROPOSE THESE CHANGES AT THE
MEETING OF AC/94 ON 13-17 JUN 77 AS A PART OF THE US STAN-
DARDIZATION INITIATIVE. HE BELIEVES A CANADIAN AS NON-US

AND NON-EUROPEAN WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR A CHAIRMAN. CANADIAN NADREP (MCNAUGHTON) SUGGESTED THAT MR. BOB BASIL, ODDR&E/IP, CALL CANADIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, MR. BILL ARNOLD, OTTAWA (613) 992-8274, AND DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A SUITABLE CANDIDATE.

3. COMMENT: THESE SUGGESTIONS HAVE CONSIDERABLE MERIT. UNDER ITS NEWLY REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WITH APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP, AC/94 COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN ELIMINATING OBSTACLES TO CO-PRODUCTION AND IMPROVING THE "TWO-WAY STREET" FOR INCREASED STANDARDIZATION. END COMMENT.

4. WHILE WE REGRET SHORT NOTICE, THE FIRST FULL MEETING OF AC/94 AFTER NEXT WEEK WILL NOT BE UNTIL 3 OCTOBER. THUS, NEXT WEEK'S AC/94 MEETING WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR THIS SUBJECT TO BE RAISED. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. STREATOR

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